

## Exceptions

Campuses or districts evaluated to be *Academically Unacceptable* even after applying Required Improvement may be able to “gate up” to *Academically Acceptable* using the Exceptions Provision for the TAKS and/or SDAA II measures. (Exceptions cannot be used to move a campus or district to *Recognized* or *Exemplary*.)

This campus was evaluated on 21 assessment measures, so it is allowed up to 3 exceptions.

After applying Required Improvement, this campus has 2 measures that are still at *Academically Unacceptable*.

Next, determine if the 2007 performance in the deficient areas meets the floor: each must be no more than 5 percentage points below the standard (at least 60% for reading).

EXCEPTIONS TABLE

Number Msrs Evaluated	Number Allowed	Number Needed	Floor(s) Met?	Msr(s) Used in 2006?	Exceptions Applied
21	3	2	yes	no	Reading - Hispanic Reading - Econ. Disadvantaged

Finally, check to make sure this measure was not used in 2006 (*exceptions cannot be repeated for the same subject and student group in consecutive years*). These measures were not used in 2006, so this campus is able to use two of their three exceptions and gate up to a rating of *Academically Acceptable*.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AUGUST DATA TABLES

The sample shown is of a *preview* data table. These will be made available to districts on the TEASE website in late July. Data tables with rating labels will be released on August 1, 2007.

The following items are the additional information not present on the preview, but added to the August data tables and the updated tables released in October:

- *Accountability Ratings.* (A list of possible rating labels is shown in *Table 4* in this chapter.)
- *Pairing.* Any standard campus with enrollment within grades 1-12, but no students tested on TAKS will be paired for accountability. A message will indicate the campus it is paired with.
- *Messages.* These messages appear in the top section of the data table when applicable:
  - Special Analysis used. (*campus or district*)
  - Rating change due to appeal. (*campus or district*)
  - Rating is not based on data shown in the table. (*campus or district*)
  - District rating limited to *Academically Acceptable* due to having one or more *Academically Unacceptable* campuses. (*district only*)
  - Rating changed after [date] due to Data Integrity Issues. (*campus or district*)
  - Rating is not based on data shown in the table (School Leaver Provision used). (*campus or district*)
  - Grade 8 science results are not included because they are not used in the 2007 accountability system. (*campus or district with grade 8*)
  - Special Analysis used. Exception applied for [subject - student group] (*campus or district*)